

IMPORTANT RECYCLING NEWS

*Beverage containers now redeemable for **more** cash*

What is a beverage container?

“Beverage” as defined by the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act includes any of the following liquid, ready-to-drink products in glass, plastic, aluminum, or bi-metal containers:

- Beer and malt beverages
- Wine coolers and distilled spirit coolers (7% or less alcohol by volume)
- Carbonated water, including soda and carbonated mineral water
- Noncarbonated water, including noncarbonated mineral water
- Carbonated soft drinks
- Noncarbonated soft drinks and “sport” drinks
- Noncarbonated fruit drinks that contain any percentage of fruit juice
- Coffee and tea drinks
- Carbonated fruit drinks
- Vegetable juice in beverage containers of 16 ounces or less
- 100% fruit juice in beverage containers of less than 46 ounces

How much cash?

Effective January 1, 2004, the California Refund Value (CRV) is 4¢ on containers less than 24 ounces, 8¢ on containers 24 ounces or larger.

What else?

Look for beverage containers that are labeled **CA REDEMPTION VALUE, CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION VALUE, CA CASH REFUND, CALIFORNIA CASH REFUND** or **CA CRV**. They are redeemable for money at 2000 recycling centers throughout the State. While some beverage containers (i.e., bottles and cans) may have the CRV amount mislabeled (i.e., CA 2.5¢ or CA 5¢), as of January 1, 2004, the refund value for these containers is 4¢ (or 8¢ for containers 24 ounces and greater), *regardless of what price is noted on the container*. All stores in California will be charging these new amounts beginning January 1, 2004.

Where can I redeem these bottles and cans?

Beverage containers labeled with the CRV message and purchased in California can be redeemed at more than 2,000 convenient recycling centers in California. For the location of your nearest recycling center, please see the sign at the entrance to this store, or call the Department of Conservation at **1-800-RECYCLE**.

The California Department of Conservation administers the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. For questions or information call **1-800-RECYCLE** or visit the Department’s websites at www.conservation.ca.gov or www.bottlesandcans.com.